

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED HARASSMENT OF AMERICAN EXPORT LINES SHIPS AT JIDDA-  
CASE OF MV "EXPORT AGENT"

REF: STATE 17951

1. EMBASSY ALSO CALLED BY MR. BALIN, OFFICIAL OF  
AMERICAN EXPORT LINES RE RECENT MINOR PROBLEM WITH  
AMEXPORT SHIP "EXPORT AGENT" RECENTLY DELAYED AT JIDDA. WE  
HAVE CHECKED LOCAL AGENT ALI REZA FIRM'S SHIPPING OFFICE  
AND OBTAINED FOLLOWING DETAILS. PLEASE INFORM BALIN WHO  
TELEPHONED EMBASSY JANUARY 26.

2. MR. FAZIL BHOY, SHIPPING MANAGER OF AMERICAN EXPORT  
LINES LOCAL AGENT, EXPLAINED THAT THE SHIP "EXPORT AGENT",  
AMONG OTHERS, WAS ON A SURVEILLANCE LIST; NOT REPEAT NOT  
BOYCOTT LIST, OF ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT OFFICE. IT ARRIVED  
IN JIDDA JANUARY 18, 1977 AND WAS OFFLOADED JANUARY 19.  
AFTER CHECKING SHIP'S LOG, SHIP WAS IMPOUNDED BECAUSE  
ITS LOG SHOWED AN ENTRY BY EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES WITH  
NOTATION THAT "IT HAD PREVIOUSLY CALLED AT ISRAELI  
PORT BUT HAD BEEN CLEARED." SAUDI OFFICIALS ONLY AWARE  
THAT LAST CALL AT ISRAELI PORT WAS IN 1969 AND SURVEILL-  
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ANCE WAS ROUTINE. LOG NOTATION, HOWEVER, MISINTERPRETED  
AND WORD CLEARED WAS TAKEN TO MEAN THAT IT WAS CLEARED  
FOR CANAL PASSAGE. JANUARY 20 AND 21 WERE LOCAL WEEKEND  
HOLIDAYS AND NO ACTION COULD BE TAKEN BY LOCAL AGENTS.

3. ON JANUARY 22, AGENTS EFFECTED RAPID CLEARANCE AND  
SHIP SAILED ON JANUARY 23 AT 1142 HOURS WITH NO FURTHER

PROBLEM.

4. BALIN STATED THAT THIS WAS THIRD SHIP HELD UP THIS WAY AND ALLEGED THAT IT APPEARED TO BE HARASSMENT BY SAG TO EMBARRASS US BEFORE VISIT OF SECRETARY VANCE. IN CHECKING THIS ASPECT, WE BELIEVE THIS IS NOT THE CASE. TWO RECENT ARRIVALS OF AMERICAN EXPORT LINE VESSELS, THE "EXPORT ADVENTURER" AND "EXPORT BAY" MADE PORT AT JIDDA WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE WHATSOEVER DESPITE FACT THESE SHIPS ALSO ON SURVEILLANCE LIST. THE ONLY REASON THE "EXPORT AGENT" VESSEL WAS HELD WAS BECAUSE OF THE UNCLEAR EGYPTIAN NOTATION IN THE SHIP'S LOG. SHIP WAS CLEARED IMMEDIATELY UPON SOLUTION OF THE MEANING OF THE NOTATION.  
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